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Docket No.: 47097-01101USPT  
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In re Patent Application of:  
Clifford H. Patridge, et al.

Application No.: 10/082011

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Filed: February 22, 2002

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For: TRASH BAGS WITH NARROWING SEALS  
TO FACILITATE GRIPPING

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 6-15, 30-32, 36-43, 45 and 46, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.